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team takes
shape...**



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Saturday 20 March
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District 105SC

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“Kindness Matters”



The 2021 - 2022 Team takes shape...

Nomination for District Governor - Lion Brian Donovan



Lion Brian joined the Abingdon Lions Club in December 2014. Since joining the Club he has been Minutes Secretary, chaired the Service Committee, Interim Treasurer, Secretary and President. He has been Zone Chairman for two Zones in District 105A, the GMT representative for the Zones and active therefore at GMT and Cabinet meetings. "This has been a difficult year for us all, everything has changed but as Lions we still find ways to serve. It is sometimes the little things that can make all the difference in someone's life. That is why I became a Lion and have stayed a Lion."

Nomination for 1st Vice District Governor - Lion Dave Ebsworth



Lion Dave joined the Lions Club of Reading in 2008 and has served the Club as Tail Twister, Fund Raiser, Vice-President and President in 2011 and 2019. In 2012 he was appointed Zone Chairman and in 2013 Regional Chairman for Zone 5M. In 2014 he was appointed Centennial Chairman and Sergeant at Arms for District 105D, roles he fulfilled for four years. In July 2018 he was appointed MD Officer and in July 2019 District 105SC officer for prostate cancer and in 2020 became 2nd VDG for the District. During his Lions service he has received several Certificates of Appreciation, the International President's Award and in 2019 received a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Nomination for 2nd Vice District Governor - TBA



Best wishes to DG Lion Steve for a rapid recovery. We are all thinking of him.



Your Lions organisation needs you...

An appeal from 1st Vice DG Lion Brian Donovan

Dear Lions of District 105SC

As a Club needs volunteers to carry out their service activities, the District also needs volunteers to run the District for the benefit of the Clubs and members of the District.

Zone Chairmen

If you have served one Lionistic year as a President, you will have attended Zone meetings, presided over by a Zone Chairman so you will have a view on what the position involves. Perhaps this is a position for which you could be able to volunteer. As a Zone Chairman, you would ideally serve for two years and be a champion for your Clubs on the District Cabinet which, as a Zone Chairman, you are an integral part.

Cabinet

The current Cabinet works hard to keep the District moving forward, but we need to have a robust succession plan in place, so if any of you would be interested in volunteering Committee, I would like to hear from you.

The various committees need support with, among other things:

- ♦ Provision of training;
- ♦ Helping to promote membership;
- ♦ Being a focus for a specific service theme; and
- ♦ Helping to raise our profile.

Future Lions leaders are among us, so please come forward and be recognised.

If this is something that could interest you, just give me a call or contact me by email.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Brian

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Matters of moment



Welcome New Lions!

I am delighted to welcome the following new members into Lions Clubs International and wish them a long and happy time as Lions.

ALTON - Lion Craig Shepherd

BRADFORD-ON-AVON - Lions John Davies,
Robert Spence and Gail Smith

ROMNEY & WATERSIDE - Lion Jillian
Peckham

SALISBURY & DISTRICT - Lion Mandy
Hollywood

DG Lion *Steve*

Living with Covid-19



With all the expectation surrounding the various Covid 19 vaccinations around now, sometimes it is hard to remember how lucky we are that other vaccinations we have, we take almost for granted. For instance, It is hard for us to imagine not having access to the MMR for our children.

Just before the Covid-19 outbreak measles cases worldwide had surged to a 23 year high, putting the lives of millions of children at great risk. Countries in the Americas were particularly hard hit. In October 2020, the Pan-American Health Organization, with support from LCIF, sent a team to establish an emergency mass vaccination programme.

During the programme, which ran from 5 to 29 October, more than 11.7 million people were vaccinated with the MMR vaccine. Brazilian Lions also took part in a social media campaign to raise awareness. The Covid-19 pandemic has made life harder for so many people to do the things they would normally do. The MMR vaccination programme in October took place largely due to the financial support of our Foundation. This is just one of many examples of the life saving work that can be done when our Foundation goes to work.

The Foundation relies on the generosity of Lions Clubs like yours and mine to donate so that they can carry on this vital work.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lion Ann Huntley MJP

District 105SC LCIF Coordinator



The Bigger Picture

Global Service Team News

I would like to thank all the Lions who have emailed me, phoned me or sent me cards during my recent illness. I am happy to report that my operation went well and I was sent home only five days later. John has been looking after me since then. I am also very pleased and relieved to say that I need no more treatment but will be kept "under surveillance" for the next five years.

I recently had a Zoom meeting with the MD Sight Officer who now has a new strategy called "Lions in Sight Programme" which embraces the Lions Eye Health Programme, and has four components:

- a) Eye Health and Care - Nutrition, Take up of eye tests, Quit Smoking, Best use of computers
- b) Service and Support - Talking Newspapers, Low Vision, Healthy vision campaigns
- c) Partnership - local organisations, Lions Sightsavers, Blind Veterans
- d) Lions MD105 best practice – sight loss. (accessibility and support)

There is A HOWTO GUIDE which will shortly be on the 105SC website which elaborates on these components.

There is also a short training programme which has been created by Lion Sue Taylor who is the MD Sight Officer on Visual Awareness. This will also be on the website and I am happy to work through it with Clubs.

Sight has been one of the main Lions concerns for nearly 100 years and it remains as important as ever.

It is inter-related with so many other aspects of our programme including diabetes and associate eye diseases, mental health, nutrition and hunger, talking newspapers, recycling of spectacles and partnerships with other organisations. In the United Kingdom there are well over two million people with sight loss. It affects more people as they grow older including Lions so it is important that we do all we can to aid those who are suffering from diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and macular degeneration to name the most common forms of sight loss. Most importantly please look after your own eye health and have regular eye health checks.

I have forwarded the photographs that I received for the MD Photographic competition to MDHQ. There was an entry in each category and the overall winner will be announced at Convention.

You still have until 1 March to submit entries for the Environmental Poster Competition.

No doubt our current lockdown is leaving you feeling frustrated but I am sure you are all doing your best to help your communities.

Whatever you do please record it on Mylion and keep well and safe!

Lion Judith Goodchild

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With a new day comes new strength and new thoughts.
- Eleanor Roosevelt



Merging with Rotary!

A joint effort by Blandford's Lions and Rotary Clubs is providing stewarding at a local surgery during Covid-19 vaccinations.

Pictured on duty is Blandford Lion James Mayo with his Rotary colleagues

Despite Covid-19, Lions street collections still take place in Ryde, Isle of Wight, and the smiling proof is right here



Marjie, Scheme Manager

**Bringing
friendship and joy
this Christmas**

Find out more about volunteering, fundraising or getting support on our website: linkvisiting.org. Thank you!

 the Link
visiting scheme

Marjie Walker, Scheme Manager, Link Visiting Scheme, talks about the charity during the Wokingham Lions Club virtual pub quiz, organised by Lion Ian Grange.

District 105SC Convention - Saturday 20 March 2021

As you will no doubt appreciate, in the current circumstances we have had to cancel the physical Convention (again) and plan to hold an online Convention instead. As we have more opportunity to plan, there will be a full online business session and the programme will be announced soon.

Make a note of the date, and look out for more details.

There will be more news to follow plus you will be able to learn a lot more from the Convention website, soon to be opened for bookings.

And this will all be free of charge so you can hold on to those savings for a future event once the situation improves.

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

- William James

HOOK AND ODIHAM LIONS HELP WITH THE COVID VACCINATIONS

In January the Hook and Odiham Lions were approached by the Odiham and Hook Rotary Club to see if the Club could help with marshalling and car parking at the Centre Court Hotel Vaccination Centre in Basingstoke as they could not muster enough members to fulfil their commitments.

Hook and Odiham Lions agreed to help and did so. Subsequently a Hook Lion became a team leader with support from the Club president together with their wives. This is an excellent example of Lions working with other organisations to help our communities.

Rotary Clubs were founded in Evanston, a northern suburb of Chicago, in 1905.

Lions Clubs were founded in Oak Brook, a south-western suburb of Chicago, in 1917.

WOKINGHAM LIONS LAUNCH NEW VIRTUAL QUIZ #WOKY MASTERMIND

Do you have what it takes to become a **#Woky MasterMind** champion? As lockdown continues, the Wokingham Lions Club is planning its next virtual competition - **#Woky MasterMind**.

Organiser Lion Ian Grange says: "We are looking for eight local contestants who will be tested virtually tested on both a specialised subject of their choosing and their general knowledge. Each participant will dial into the quiz via Zoom, and the whole competition will be broadcast live on our Facebook page at <https://www.fb.com/WokinghamLions/live>, where friends and family will be able to watch.

The first **#Woky MasterMind** quiz is scheduled for Thursday, 18 February. It will be in aid of the Cowshed (www.thecowshed.org), a local charity which provides support to people of all backgrounds in a time of personal crisis. The aim of The Cowshed is to provide good quality, cleaned and ironed clothes, and other essentials -- free to anyone in need.

Lion Ian Grange says: "We are now looking for eight contestants to participate. You'll need a specialised subject for us to quiz you on, the ability to use Zoom, be a Facebook user and be free at 8pm on 18 February 2021. But, better be quick, as the closing date for entrants is Friday 5 Feb. Cost of entry is a minimum £10 donation. Interested? Then go to <https://www.fb.com/WokinghamLions> and use the Message button to send us your details!"

Over the last year, Wokingham Lions have created a series of virtual quizzes, run via their Facebook page. Hundreds of teams from throughout Wokingham Borough and beyond have participated. These have been run for free, but have raised more than £6,000 for local charities through donations from participants.

PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE

The Romsey & Waterside Lions Club reports with sadness the passing to higher service of former Lion and Past President **Phil Smith** on 13 January. Phil was Club President in 2005-2006 and for a time was a Trustee of the Club and Treasurer for a number of years.

Set your goals high, and don't stop until you get there.

- Bo Jackson

ON VACCINATION DUTY

A day in the life of a Basingstoke Lion

Sunday, 24 January, saw me on the first of my shifts as a volunteer with the Basingstoke COVID-19 vaccination centre at the Hampshire Court Hotel in Chineham.

The day didn't start well, with a dumping of snow overnight, causing some disruption to local traffic and thus a backlog for the afternoon for many were unable to attend their morning appointment.

Wearing my obligatory face mask I attended a briefing and with others I was shown around so that we could experience the 'journey' people would have once inside the building. All precautions were taken: we volunteers had to take our own temperature on arrival and wear a three-ply face mask. Each one of us had to self-certify that we had no symptoms or illness, nor fell into a 'vulnerable' health category.

Car Park duty calls

For the first half of my shift I was assigned to car-parking duties. This required directing cars from the arrival point to a specific space in order of arrival. All visitors were asked to stay in their cars until called.

Initially a bit apprehensive, I started getting into the swing of it quite quickly. Luckily, most people were happy to follow directions and seemed in good spirits. When not directing cars I stayed warm by doing some 'jumping jacks' and dance moves in the car park, to the entertainment (or bafflement, more like) of those in their cars!

After three hours we had a much-needed half-hour break inside - socially distanced of course, and with masks on when not eating or drinking. We were lucky enough to be offered the option of a hot drink and a selection of biscuits and cakes that grateful visitors had brought in. Bonus!

Second shift

The second half of the shift was spent at the door where people entered the building: dispensing hand gel to hands and ensuring masks were worn correctly. At times there was a small queue into the reception area, but people kept their two-metre distance and were never kept waiting long.

The last appointment was at 7.00 pm but it took a while to clear all of those still waiting so I finished at about 7.45 pm. Quite a long day, especially on your feet the whole time. But it was worth

it. In total that day we vaccinated close to 900 people, and I heard later that the national total of 5 million vaccinations was reached on that day.

Proud to be a Lion

I proudly wore my Lions Club tabard throughout and this was a talking point for those who know our Club, or the organisation as a whole. The highlight was when a former mayor of Basingstoke came and chatted to me, having remembered attending our Club Charter Anniversary four years ago. Despite the grave reason for being there, most people were just happy to be out and appreciated what the volunteers were doing for them. The team worked well together and the whole operation was very efficient - it really is quite a feat to pull off.

I would encourage anyone who can and is eligible to help out with the vaccination programme. It is such an important step in us returning to some kind of 'normal'. All you need is a positive and 'can do' attitude. I am happy having played a small part.

'Where there's a need, there's a Lion.'

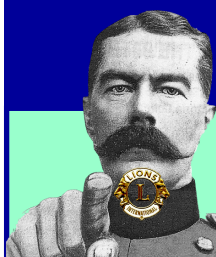
Lion Anousjka Selders

Basingstoke Lions Club



Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible.

- Tony Robbins



Volunteers Needed!

After almost a year of exceptional restrictions, the start of 2021 sees Lions Clubs and our District facing unprecedented challenges in terms of recruiting members and building new Clubs. During this period of restrictions, Clubs have reacted to the challenge by adapting activities with new initiatives and technologies to continue to serve their communities.

However, as an organisation, we have not been able to achieve the levels of regional recognition needed to attract the levels of new members or establish the new Clubs needed to sustain and grow the District.

To combat these challenges, District 105SC is preparing to launch an initiative to strengthen, at District and Club level, skills in marketing, advertising, news and social media through the formation of a special **District Marketing Team**. This team will be aimed at spearheading the raising of awareness to the benefits of Lions Clubs in local communities especially in specific areas where there is the potential for new Clubs.

Equally important will be the assistance available to Clubs further to develop their own skills.

We are seeking members with existing skills to volunteer to form a working group to determine and implement the necessary actions to sustain and grow the District.

To volunteer please contact the District Marketing & PR Co-ordinator Lion Richard Keeley by email at pro@lions105sc.org.uk.

More news from Wokingham Lions

WOKINGHAM LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS LINK VISITING SCHEME

Proceeds totalling £700 from the Wokingham Lions Club virtual pub quizzes in December have been donated to the Link Visiting Scheme, a local charity which supports older people who are alone or lonely.

Marjie Walker, scheme manager, Link Visiting Scheme, said: "Wokingham Lions have raised an impressive £700 for Link Visiting, which went toward our Christmas programme, and we are so grateful. This year we supported 107 people on Christmas Day with a delicious hot lunch, a well-stocked gift bag, and most importantly, a knock on the door and a socially distanced visit from a volunteer."

She added: "Being alone over the Christmas period is never easy, and we are grateful for the Lions' contribution to helping us make the day a little easier. Thank you!"

The next Great #Woky Pub Quiz is scheduled for Thursday 25 February at 8.00 pm via a live stream on Facebook. Organised by Wokingham Lions Club's member, Lion Ian Grange, this virtual online pub quiz will support two local charities, Thrive and Share Wokingham.

2021 MAY FAYRE CANCELLED

After consultation with local authorities, the Wokingham Lions Club has decided to cancel the annual May Fayre, scheduled for Monday, 3 May.

"Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, for the second consecutive year, we greatly regret that this means having to cancel our biggest fund-raising event," says Lion Ian Grange, organiser of the May Fayre.

Usually the Fayre not only supports local charities and community groups, but also provides a showcase for local talent and local businesses.

And almost finally...

MEON VALLEY VIEWPOINT

From our Hampshire correspondents

Sorry, no Santa this year!

Santa runs are usually a large part of Meon Valley Lions Club's fundraising events, but we were out in the villages and really impressed with the number of people who took the time to chat and make a donation, in these really difficult times.

We thank everyone who supported us in raising over £2,500 which will be used to help needy causes; one of the projects we are currently looking at is providing computers for schools to lend to those who need equipment to help with home schooling.



New wheels for a local family

Meon Valley Lions Club came to the rescue of a local family in need of a 'new set of wheels'.

Basic tasks like going to the shops or school were a major challenge as the family were struggling to teach road safety to their four year old with autism.

Providing the family with a buggy, for an adult child, will help all them get out and about safely and help teach their youngster about the dangers of the road.



PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Maidenhead Lions advise, with sadness, the passing to higher service of **Lion Trevor Tilbury MJF (85)**, Charter President and Life Member who remained on active service until January 2021 after 48 years' service. Trevor was always enthusiastic and helpful to other members. He spearheaded many events as a fundraiser, serving the community and led the Club to organise its first free prostate cancer screening event. In 2003 the Maidenhead Club awarded him Life Membership and subsequently a Melvin Jones Fellowship. His approach to everything was reliable, thorough and calm; an example to colleagues and new members. He will be greatly missed.

The **Lions Club of Isle of Wight Sandown Shanklin** reports with sadness the passing to higher service of **Lion Daphne Ashenden MJF (94)**. Lion Daphne and her husband, the late Lion Bob, were the main force behind the building of the Lions Day Centre in Lake.

These Lions will be a sad loss to all who knew them and the 105SC Sentinel sends sincere condolences to their families, friends and fellow Lions.



Sentinel's eye on...

Kenan Bryan - This year's Young Ambassador



KENAN BRYAN, 17, sponsored by the Lions Club of Jersey is this year's District 105SC Young Ambassador. Kenan was proposed to the Jersey Lions by the Jersey Youth Service and locally he was the judges' unanimous choice from a number of excellent applicants.

Kenan is currently studying for his A Levels in Politics, History and Sociology at Jersey's De La Salle College and hopes, in due course, to become a teacher.

From as soon as he could, he has helped at his local youth club and now helps at a second one, earning well deserved praise from the organisers for the three

nights a week that he spends with them. Not only does he help run many of the sessions, Kenan is also a prolific fundraiser for both clubs and other children's related charities.

He has a keen interest in aviation and has more than 30 hours' flying experience with an instructor and hopes to gain his Private Pilot's licence in due course.

At school he is the Student Head of his House, 12 Peary, the anti-bullying coordinator and sits on the schools' Rights Respect Committee. He has a passion for teaching and teaches about children's rights for all of the years at the school.

He has partaken in several government consultations linked to Jersey's Children's Policy and sat on the interview panel to appoint the Island's Head of Children's Services.

He has achieved his Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and is three quarters of the way towards his Gold.

Of himself, Kenan says: "I have lived in Jersey all my life and have always been blessed with the full support of my family and friends for all that I undertake. At home, I share the household with an 11-years-old brother and I am lucky enough to have two grandmothers and two great-grandmothers still with us. Since I was young, I have always been extremely close with them. Before COVID and the change in the way that we live, I spent several days a week sleeping at my grandparents' homes, looking after them and giving them much-needed company."

In the opinion of the judges both here in Jersey and at District level, Kenan is a remarkable young man and he now goes forward to the Multiple District competition with our best wishes.



OLD MONARCH

The Editor has the last word...

A year ago we could still look forward with optimism as 2020 got under way. True, there had been something odd going on in China but it was still very much a 'case of a little something happening in a land far away'. I find it difficult to believe that Covid-19 has been with us for almost a year and although giant leaps forward have been made with regard to vaccines (had my jab the same day I am writing this), in fact we are still very much where we were almost that year ago. Events are still being cancelled or deferred into 2022 and sadly our balance sheets are likely to show little improvement for some months. However, as ever, Lions have made their mark by volunteering to marshal at vaccination stations and keeping our banner flying. Well done, everyone!

Lion Peter Tabb



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